IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:

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HSIEH et al.

Group Art Unit: 2814 76 2800 MAIL ROOM

Serial No.: 10/002,978

Examiner: LE, THAO X

Filed: December 6, 2001

For: METHOD FOR FORMING AN ONO STRUCTURE IN ONE

CHAMBER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Honorable Commissioner for Patent Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2002, to which a response is due without extension by February 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 20 as follows:

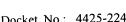
20. (Amended) A method for forming an oxide-nitride-oxide structure in one chamber, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate;

forming a first oxide layer on said substrate, wherein said first oxide layer includes no Cl;

forming a first buffer layer on said first oxide layer; forming a silicon witride layer on said first buffer layer;

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 in the above identified application.

[X] No additional fee is required.

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	28	28	0	x \$18 =	
Independent Claims	4	4	0	x \$84 =	
If multiple claims newly presented, add \$280.00					
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		TOTAL FEE DUE			-00-

- A check in the amount of \$ is attached. []
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>07-1337</u>, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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